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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have not issued any rule prohibiting the opening of boys' schools for Muhammadans in centres with a population of less than 500 or the opening of girls' schools for Muhammadans in centres with a population of less than 1,000. The hon. Member apparently refers to the schools opened by local bodies with special subsidies from Provincial funds since 1924-25. Special subsidies are given for the opening of boys' schools only in school-less centres with a population of 500 and above and of girls' schools for Muhammadans only in centres with a population of 1,000 and above in which there are no schools for Muhammadan girls. Local bodies are not allowed to utilize these special subsidies for the opening of schools in centres with a smaller population.

(*c*) The Government do not at present propose to relax their policy in regard to the opening of schools in school-less centres with special subsidies from Provincial funds.

Girls' schools for Muslims in South Arcot and other districts.

* 1459 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of new girls' schools (elementary) opened since 1924-25 in the districts of South Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore and the Nilgiris; and

(*b*) how many of them are intended for Muslim girls and in which taluks and municipalities in the said districts have these been opened?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have been sanctioning to local bodies since 1927-28 special subsidies for opening girls' schools in large centres where there are no girls' schools. A statement [a] giving the information in respect of these schools for the districts mentioned in the question is placed on the table. The Government have no information in regard to the schools which may have been opened by the local bodies concerned without special aid from Provincial funds or by private managements.

Appointments to superior posts in the Educational department.

* 1460 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur P. C. Ethirajulu Nayudu: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether recently several appointments to the superior posts of the Educational Service have been filled by persons who were not in Government service at the time of appointment;

(*b*) whether these posts were advertised in the open market and whether such applications were considered by any special committee; and

(*c*) if no applications were called for, on what grounds and under what circumstances such appointments were made and how the Government satisfied themselves prima facie that they were the best candidates available?

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 143-144 infra.